

Information Packet for the
Summer 2008 AIMS HS Administration
(June 24 - 26, 2008)

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Overview

The Summer 2008 AIMS HS will be administered on the following dates.

Writing	Tuesday, June 24, 2008
Reading	Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Mathematics	Thursday, June 26, 2008

The Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration is open only to those students who meet specific eligibility requirements.

Districts/charters with students who wish to and are eligible to participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration are responsible for the administration of the summer test. Unlike previous summer AIMS HS administrations, there will be no Arizona Department of Education (ADE) operated testing centers.

The currently designated district test coordinator is responsible for completing all activities related to the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Informing appropriate school personnel, students, and parents about the summer testing opportunity
- Serving as a liaison between the ADE and all district/charter personnel, parents, and students regarding all matters related to the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration
- Registering eligible students for the summer test
- Arranging and confirming summer remediation for all district/charter students registered for the summer test
- Arranging for appropriate testing site(s).
- Notifying registered students of the date, time, and location of the summer test
- Receiving and inventorying summer test materials
- Reviewing test security and administration directions
- Training test administrators
- Supervising the administration of the summer test
- Packaging and returning the summer test materials
- Downloading summer test reports and distributing them appropriately

The district test coordinator must be available via phone and email throughout the month of June to both the ADE and any students he/she registered for the summer test. All communication from ADE regarding the summer test will be directed to the district test coordinator. ADE will not communicate directly with the students registered for the summer test. If the currently designated district test coordinator is unable to completely fulfill these summer testing obligations, then the district (or charter) must designate another district test coordinator for summer testing purposes if the district (or charter) intends to offer the summer test. Any change in district test coordinator requires the submission of a new Test Coordinator Information Sheet to the ADE.

Summer 2008 AIMS HS test results will be available via the ADE common logon in August. District test coordinators will be notified via email when the reports are ready.

Eligibility Criteria for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS Administration

The Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration is only for students who did not receive their high school diploma due solely to the AIMS graduation requirement.

A student who meets all of the following criteria is eligible for participation in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration:

- ✓ Has **not** graduated* from high school
- ✓ Has completed all coursework and other district/school requirements for graduation from an Arizona public school
- ✓ Has **not** met the AIMS graduation requirement for one or more content areas (Writing, Reading, Mathematics) of AIMS HS
- ✓ Has plans to participate in summer remediation for the content area(s) that will be retested

A student who meets any of the following criteria is not eligible for participation in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration:

- ✓ Has graduated* from high school
- ✓ Has **not** completed all coursework or other district/school requirements for graduation
- ✓ Has met the AIMS graduation requirement for all three content areas using any combination of the following:
 - Earned passing scores on the AIMS HS test
 - Passed a qualifying test from another state
 - Has an IEP that does not require the student to pass AIMS HS
 - Has a 504 plan that does not require the student to pass AIMS HS
- ✓ Does **not** have plans to participate in summer remediation

Students who are expected to graduate using AIMS Augmentation once the augmentation legislation is enacted are not required to participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration to maintain their augmentation eligibility.

For the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration, students may be registered for and test in only the content area(s) that do not meet any of the various AIMS graduation requirements. The district test coordinator must confirm that each student meets all eligibility criteria for participation in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration prior to registering the student for the summer test. If it is determined that a district test coordinator has registered an unqualified student for Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration, all registrations from that district/charter may be voided.

* “Graduated” means having received a high school diploma. Participation in graduation ceremonies does not necessarily mean a student has graduated.

Frequently Asked Questions - Summer 2008 AIMS HS Administration

- 1. May a student who has graduated from high school participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?**

No. Only students who have not yet graduated from high school and who have met the other eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

- 2. May a student who is expected to graduate from high school in the fall using AIMS Augmentation participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?**

Yes. However, students who are currently eligible for AIMS Augmentation and who are expected to graduate with AIMS Augmentation, based upon the State Board of Education's proposed rules, are **not** required to test in the summer to maintain their eligibility for AIMS Augmentation.

- 3. May the scores from the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration be used for AIMS Augmentation?**

Yes. Summer 2008 AIMS HS scores may be used for augmentation in the Fall if the student qualifies for augmentation.

- 4. May a student who has not completed the coursework required for graduation participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?**

No. Only students who completed the course work required for graduation prior to their school's scheduled graduation in May or June 2008 and who have met other eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

- 5. May a student who will finish the coursework required for graduation during summer school participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?**

No. Only students who completed the course work required for graduation prior to their school's scheduled graduation in May or June 2008 and who have met other eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

- 6. May a student who has passed AIMS HS but wishes to retest in an effort to improve his/her score participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?**

No. Only students who have not passed AIMS and who have met the other eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

- 7. May students who are home schooled or private schooled participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS Administration?**

No. The purpose of the Summer 2008 AIMS HS Administration is to give students who were not able to graduate from an Arizona public school due solely to the AIMS graduation requirement one more opportunity to test.

- 8. May students who attend a BIE funded school participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?**

Yes. Students who attend BIE funded schools and who have met the eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

9. May students who are not registered for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration participate in the summer test?

No. Only those students who have been registered by a district test coordinator prior to the registration deadline may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration. All answer documents will be precoded based on registration information. No blank answer documents will be available for non-registered students.

10. May ELL students participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

Yes. ELL students who have met the eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

11. What testing accommodations are available to ELL students during the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

The same testing accommodations that were available to the students during the Spring 2008 AIMS HS administration are available for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

12. May special education students participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

Maybe. Unless passing AIMS HS is specifically required by the student's IEP, state statute exempts special education students from the AIMS requirement. However, IEP teams may make passing one or more content areas of AIMS HS a requirement for high school graduation. In these cases, Special Education students who have met the eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

13. What testing accommodations are available to special education students during the Summer 2007 AIMS HS administration?

The same testing accommodations that were available to the students during the Spring 2008 AIMS HS administration are available for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

14. May students with 504 plans participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

Maybe. Unless passing AIMS HS is specifically required by the student's 504 plan, state statute specifically exempts students with 504 plans from the AIMS requirement. However, a student's 504 plan may make passing one or more content areas of AIMS HS a requirement for high school graduation. In these cases, students with 504 plans who have met the eligibility criteria may participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

15. What testing accommodations are available to students with 504 plans during the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

The same testing accommodations that were available to the students during the Spring 2008 AIMS HS administration are available for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

16. Will state funding be available for senior summer tutoring?

Yes. For more information, go to www.ade.az.gov/asd/StateTutoring/ or contact Debby Francis at 602.364.3177 or Deborah.Francis@azed.gov.

17. Is the required summer remediation program limited to the state funded tutoring?

No. Schools may offer other remediation programs.

18. May a student who does not participate in a summer remediation program participate in Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

No. Participation in a summer remediation program in the content area that is to be retested is required.

19. If a student is unable to attend on the scheduled date, are there make-up test dates for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

No. There are no make-up dates for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration.

20. If a student is eligible to participate in only one content area of the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration, may he/she test on the other content areas also?

No. Eligibility for Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration is determined separately for each of the content areas.

21. Must students who are participating in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration test at their own school?

No. Districts and charters may establish testing sites that will serve students from multiple schools and even multiple charters or districts. For example, a district with multiple high schools may establish a single test site for all students within the district. Or, multiple districts and/or multiple charters may establish a single shared testing site for all students within the corresponding districts or charters.

22. Are all schools/districts/charters required to offer the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration?

No. However, all entities with students who wish to and are eligible to participate in the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration are encouraged to offer the summer test.

23. If student attends a school that has chosen not to offer the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration may that student participate in the summer test at another school?

No. Students must be registered for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration in order to participate in the summer test. This registration can only be completed by the district test coordinator. By registering a student for the summer test, the district/charter has agreed to offer a testing site at either one of its schools or at a shared location. If a district or charter chooses not to offer the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration, then students from that district or charter may not participate in the summer test.

Registration Information for Summer 2008 AIMS HS Administration

District test coordinators will register students for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS administration via the *Assessment* application of the ADE Common Logon. District test coordinators should confirm that they have login privileges for the ADE Common Logon and have access to the *Assessment* application. District test coordinators who are unable to access the *Assessment* application on the ADE Common Logon should contact Mary Pat Wood (602.542.5345) or MaryPat.Wood@azed.gov immediately.

The summer AIMS registration tool is expected to open no later than Tuesday, May 27, 2008 and will remain open through Wednesday, June 4, 2008. ADE will send an email notice to district test coordinators when the summer AIMS registration tool is available.

The summer AIMS registration tool will have a list of students for each school who might be eligible for the summer test. The list of students will include those students in cohorts 2008, 2007, and below without a passing AIMS score in one or more content areas. Not all students who are listed will meet all of the eligibility criteria for the summer test.

To register a student for the Summer 2008 AIMS HS assessment, simply click on the content area to be retested. Once all registrations have been completed for a school, print the list of registered students. Registrations can be changed and/or updated through June 4.

Summer test materials for registered students only will be sent to the district test coordinator. These materials are expected to arrive June 16 – 18. Paper copies of the Test Administration Directions and the Test Coordinator's Manual will be included with the test materials. Electronic versions of the Test Administration Directions and the Test Coordinator's Manual will be emailed to the district test coordinator prior to this. Directions for the return of test materials will be included in the Test Coordinator's Manual.